



**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**THE SECRETARY**

Scowcroft asks how  
to handle upcoming  
presidential briefings

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NOVEMBER 7, 1974

TO: BREMER/RODMAN FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. KEN COLE YESTERDAY GAVE TO THE PRESIDENT A LIST OF CONGRESSIONALLY-RELATED ISSUES FOR FY 76 TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OVER THE COMING WEEKS. THE PROPOSAL IS THAT THE PRESIDENT SPEND AN HOUR ON EACH OF THESE ISSUES, BEGINNING UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE ASIAN TRIP. KEN COLE'S ISSUES ARE:

WELFARE REFORM  
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE  
FOOD SUPPLY AND ROLE OF U.S.  
LAND USE  
OCEANS POLICY  
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
WORK-EDUCATION STUDY  
WATER RESOURCES POLICY  
TRANSPORTATION DEREGULATION  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
FEDERAL-LOCAL PLANNING  
AMTRAK PRIVATIZATION  
PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

2. RUMSFELD HAS ASKED IF WE HAVE A SIMILAR LIST OF LEGISLATION-ORIENTED ISSUES WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR THE SAME KIND OF TREATMENT. WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES, WHICH IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS  
LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES  
BASE NEGOTIATIONS (SPAIN, PORTUGAL, MOROCCO)  
DIEGO GARCIA AND INDIAN OCEAN ISSUES  
OVERSEAS FORCE DEPLOYMENTS  
SECURITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF  
CUBA POLICY  
FOOD/COMMODITIES  
IMPACT OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE PROGRAMS

3. THERE ARE TWO WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD APPROACH THIS:  
(1) SUBMIT A LIST OF ISSUES AND ASK FOR AN HOUR FOR DISCUSSION OF EACH, OR (2) STATE THAT YOU WILL DEAL WITH THESE KIND OF OF SUBJECT TIT IN THE COURSE OF YOUR DAILY MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

4. WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE?

WARM REGARDS.

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1. Submit list & ask  
for an hour

2. Deal in Daily Meetings ✓